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SUBJECT: INTER-ACADEMY AGREEMENT: JOINT SEMINAR ON
EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

1. SOVIET ACADEMY INFORMED US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) VIA TELEX APRIL 4 THAT DRS. SOKOLOV AND RUSALOV WILL NOT ATTEND JOINT SEMINAR AT UC/IRVINE APRIL 11-19 AND THAT SIX PARTICIPANTS WILL ARRIVE LATE BECAUSE AEROFLOT APRIL 9 FLIGHT IS FULL. ONLY CO-CHAIRMAN LOMOV PLUS SHVYRKOV, ASRATYAN AND TURPAYEVA CAN ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE. OTHERS WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON APRIL 11.

2. THIS MESSAGE DISTRESSED NAS BECAUSE HOSTS HAVE INVITED DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FOR APRIL 11 OPENING AND BECAUSE PARTICIPATION OF MAJOR AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WAS PREDICATED ON PRESENCE OF SOKOLOV WHO IS A LEADING FIGURE IN THIS FIELD.

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3. NAS HAS ATTEMPTED TO SEND TELEX MESSAGE URGING SOVIET ACADEMY TO ADHERE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, BUT SOVIETS HAVE REPLIED THAT ALL MESSAGES WERE GARBLED. NAS THEREFORE REQUESTS EMBASSY CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SOVIET ACADEMY CHIEF SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY SKRYABIN FROM NAS FOREIGN SECRETARY GEORGE HAMMOND:

(BEGIN TEXT)

THIS ACADEMY IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YOUR MESSAGE FROM KULAKOV TO CAMPBELL OF APRIL FOUR REGARDING THE FIRST JOINT SEMINAR BETWEEN OUR ACADEMIES IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY. IN MIDDLE OF THIS PAST DECEMBER, REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR ACADEMIES HAD AGREED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR DELEGATION ARRIVING HERE ON APRIL NINE SO THAT THE SEMINAR CAN BEGIN IN CALIFORNIA ON APRIL ELEVEN. OPENING CEREMONIES FOR SEMINAR ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF APRIL ELEVEN IN CALIFORNIA. MANY RENOWNED U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AT THE FIRST DAYS OF THE MEETING. A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL AND STAFF RESOURCES HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN CAREFUL ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST SEMINAR OF THIS SERIES IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY.

IT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE FIFTEEN SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SEMINAR. THAT NUMBER WAS THEN REDUCED TO TWELVE BY YOUR ACADEMY WHICH NOW REDUCES SOVIET PARTICIPATION TO TEN. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCCESS OF THIS SEMINAR IS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED IF ENTIRE AS/USSR DELEGATION, INCLUDING SOKOLOV, CANNOT ARRIVE ON OR BEFORE APRIL NINE AS INITIALLY PLANNED. IF FEASIBLE FOR YOUR ACADEMY, OUR ACADEMY WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION ON APRIL SEVEN VIA THE AEROFLOT FLIGHT ARRIVING UNCLASSIFIED

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IN NEW YORK.

IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR AS/USSR TO REINSTATE PLANS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON, NAMELY PARTICIPATION BY TWELVE AGREED SOVIET PSYCHOLOGISTS AND THEIR ARRIVAL IN U.S. ON OR BEFORE APRIL NINE, IT MAY BECOME ADVISABLE TO POSTPONE THE SEMINAR. PLEASE INFORM DR. BORIS F. LOMOV, DIRECTOR OF YOUR ACADEMY'S INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY, THAT DR. DAVID GOSLIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR ACADEMY'S ASSEMBLY OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, WILL PLACE A TELEPHONE CALL TO HIM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6 AT 0730 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME, WHICH IS 1530 HOURS MOSCOW TIME, TO DISCUSS COURSE OF ACTION. END TEXT.

4. SOKOLOV HIMSELF HAS NOT YET APPLIED FOR VISA AS FAR AS DEPT. KNOWS AND POSSIBILITY OF APRIL 7 TRAVEL MAY REQUIRE VISA AUTHORIZATION BY TELEPHONE (OTHERS AUTHORIZED BY STATE 071869). DEPARTMENT IS READY TO APPROVE SOKOLOV VISA IF ASKED.

5. NAS WOULD APPRECIATE DIRECT TELEPHONE CALL IF EMBASSY HAS ANYTHING TO REPORT. HOME PHONE FOR DAVID GOSLIN IS

(202) 338-7220 AND FOR ALAN CAMPBELL (703) 524-3329.
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